GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PLANTS AND SEEDS FROM ABROAD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to prevent individuals bringing in plants and seeds clandestinely from abroad without any authorization;

(b) if so, whether while plants are intercepted, it is not possible to detect seeds which could be smuggled in small quantities and could be harmful to the Agricultural Sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has initiated measures to incorporate an appropriate declaration to be furnished by incoming international passengers, in the disembarkation card, relating to plants, seeds and other plant material being brought into India by them in their personal baggage, which would be submitted by the passenger to existing law enforcing agencies at the entry point. Further, personnel of the concerned existing law enforcing agencies are being trained regularly so as to sensitize them regarding these aspects.